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WELCOME

As we gather over this weekend, this Croatian festival of football - let us remember what it has taken for each and every club to get here.

Not only in reaching this year's tournament, but in the broader sense, remembering all the sacrifices our community has made for one of it's central three pillars alongside our social clubs and churches - the soccer clubs. The places that have held us together, given us purpose and a sense of pride which will leave a very deep footprint that will be difficult if not impossible to replicate by any community the world over.

It's not a coincidence that the opening verse of our communal sporting anthem in Australia, *Živjela Croatia* begins with Složna braćo dobre volje... (*United brothers of good faith*)

Not only have we all, in every corner of Australia contributed to the success of our various 'Croatias' but we have immeasurably enriched the Australian sporting landscape.

Let us never forget this fact and let no one attempt to put it down - it is within our unity that our strength resides.

We are Croatia - yet the prefix to our names almost always denotes the city we have chosen to make home; Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Canberra, Perth and so forth.

The Melbourne Knights Football Club, our Melbourne Croatia - is proud to welcome you to the 39th Annual Croatian Soccer Tournament of Australia and New Zealand.

Let us make our friends welcome, share a drink, some great food and soccer while fostering friendly relations between all of the soccer-loving communities of Australia.

Welcome to Melbourne, welcome to our Croatia and welcome to all players, officials and supporters regardless of their background - and as the purest lovers of our sport know, soccer is one game that breaks down barriers and brings us together.

Živjela Croatia!

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is most fitting that this year, the Melbourne Croatia Soccer Club is hosting the Croatian Soccer Tournament. Celebrating 60 years of Croatian soccer in Australia, this club has unofficially represented the entire Victorian Croatian community and beyond.

It is a club that has at least at some point in all of our lives been the epicentre of everything Croatian in this country and its proud history can never be taken away from it.

56 teams and 10 Miss Croatia entrants will be participating in this year's soccer tournament. The Master's league keeps getting bigger and better each year which illustrates the pull this wonderful event has as even age won't present itself as a barrier to dozens of men who just want to keep participating in it.

The women's competition is stronger each year reflecting how quickly the women's game is growing both in Australia and globally. Thankfully the Croatian clubs in Australia are starting to gain ascendancy in this area and we're confident that they will be competing at the highest state levels very soon. Similarly the quality on the park is sure to be on the rise and we can't wait for the girls to take the field.

Congratulations to all clubs who this year won their championships. Over the years we Croats have been blessed with very successful clubs on and off the park so it is promising to see these trends continue even today. The success of so many clubs this season will at the very least ensure that some excellent football will be witnessed on this hallowed turf this weekend!

Off the park every effort has been made to make this year's tournament a resounding success. The marquee disco on the Friday night will give those of you who haven't been to the now well celebrated Croktoberfest a taste of what will be happening here later in the month. The World Class Etihad Stadium will be hosting the prestigious annual Gala Night and will no doubt be a highlight of the weekend's festivities and finally the Sunday after party will no doubt give everyone an opportunity to let their hair down and celebrate another extraordinary event.

Good luck to all the players, entrants and officials and remember to participate with the true spirit of this tournament at the forefront of you minds.

Dok je srce, bit će i Croatije!

President,
Croatian Soccer Federation of Australia
& New Zealand

STELA ŠPOLJAR

Labor Government supports Australian Croatian Soccer Tournament

The Melbourne Knights Football Club would like to proudly declare that The Hon. Bill Shorten MP, Former Minister for Education, Employment and Workplace Relations was on hand on Friday 30th August at Knights Stadium to present the club with a $42,000 government grant.

The grant, which falls under the Department of Immigration and Citizenship's Diversity and Social Cohesion Program was rewarded for the hosting of the 39th Annual Australia & New Zealand Croatian Soccer Tournament.

The Croatian community of Australia has provided no less than six Australian Socceroo captains, whilst there are other notable tales of cohesion with other historically marginalised communities.

What Croatians, like many other migrants have intimately understood and grasped, was and is the feeling of being on the fringes of society as new migrants and as part of this, clubs like ours have always offered a place to call home for players and fans of all nationalities and walks of life.

Councillor for Moonee Valley, John Sipek was instrumental in campaigning for the grant, as was President of the Australian Croatian Association of Melbourne, Mr. Ante Juric. Both men were ecstatic when the news filtered through that the grant had been approved.

Tournament Co-Ordinator Katarina Jusup put together the submission which covered the many facets of the tournament's possible streams of integration of the football-loving community of Victoria.

The grant for $42,000 was awarded after months of preparatory work in engaging, consulting and liasing with local communities, clubs and the Federal Government. Throughout the Grant Application process invaluable support was given by John Sipek, Ante Jurič and Knights President Ange Cimera.

THE CROATIAN COMMUNITY

In April 1941 the Croatian people proclaimed the Independent State of Croatia, freeing themselves from foreign rule for the first time in more than eight centuries.

As the tides of the Second World War turned, it wasn't to be for the Croatian people.

In May 1945, the Croatian Government decided to surrender to the Allies rather than their enemies, the Yugoslav Communists. It is estimated that one-eighth of Croatia's population together with its armed forces made their way to the Bleiburg field just over the Slovenian border in Austria to surrender to the British.

Rather than accept their surrender, the British command struck an accord with the Yugoslav Communists and repatriated the Croatian armed forces and accompanying civilians into their control.

The crime that followed is known coloquially as Croatia's Way of the Cross - more commonly referred to as the Bleiburg Tragedy.

The number murdered remains unknown, what is known however is the effect it had on the Croatian people within the new state of Yugoslavia. It served as a daily reminder that Croats who yearned for freedom under their own flag and name would be dealt with swiftly.

Almost immediately people began to plot their escape from the prison of Yugoslavia. Displaced Persons camps in Austria and Italy housed tens of thousands of Croatian refugees.

Croatian protesters burn the Yugoslav communist flag, Hawthorn 1972

The Croatian Community's float, Moomba Festival Melbourne, April 1962

Countries like Australia, the United States, Canada and Argentina began to take in a great number of displaced persons which helped fuel the boom in each respective economy whilst providing safe haven for the millions of refugees looking for a place to call home.

Among them were the Croats. Like the Ukrainians and others, enslaved within their homeland to an opressive political system, they sought to find peace and prosperity abroad.

Australia was first choice for many. A promised land full of opportunity - all you had to do was work for it.

The Croatian community of Australia began to take shape in the early 1950's with the first community organisations being founded. Being in the majority a Catholic people, the Croats easily serviced their religious needs through the Roman Catholic Church in Australia whilst gaining much respect, admiration and help from its strong Irish Catholic contingent - a people with an analagous history.

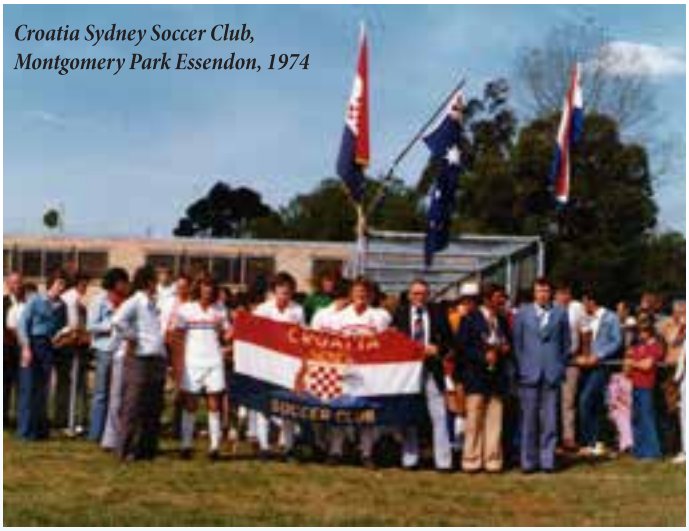
After Yugoslavia opened its borders to economic migrants in the mid 1960's, Australia saw an influx of new immigrants that would last well into the next decade.

The Croatian people, due to their history of being under foreign rule for many years have more than any other ethnic group in Australia held onto their ties to the homeland, their traditions and language whilst at the same time being loyal citizens of Australia.

People of Croatian origin have left an indelible mark on the makeup of Australian society through positive contributions in nearly all fields, from politics, to the arts right through to the business sector.

The greatest influence the Croats have made however is in the sporting field, more specifically in soccer.

Croats in Australia and their Croatian Australian offspring are notable for their commitment to the sport, with numerous clubs established throughout the country, the most notable and successful being Sydney Croatia and Melbourne Croatia. These clubs nurtured the footballing talents of a large number of Croatian Australians, many of whom now play professionally overseas. Croatian Australians have played for both Croatia and Australia. In the 2006 World Cup, there were seven Croatian Australians playing for Australia and three playing for Croatia. There have been 47 Croatian Australians that have gone on to play for the Australian national football team, including 6 that captained the national team.



Croatia Sydney Soccer Club, Montgomery Park Essendon, 1974

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

The Croatian Soccer Tournament of Australia & New Zealand is the largest and oldest football tournament in Australia, having been hosted in every state and territory except for the Northern Territory. It also holds the honour of being the oldest national soccer competition still running in Australia. The Melbourne Knights and Sydney United are the only two clubs to hold Life Membership to the Australian Croatian Soccer Federation due to their pioneering in the early days in getting the tournament going, as well as their success on the National footballing stage. The tournament has hosted over 100 clubs in the past 40 years together with players of all nationalities and beliefs competing.

The Croatian Soccer Tournament is a tournament governed by the Croatian Soccer Federation of Australia and New Zealand, an organisation founded in 1974. The inspiration for the tournament came from the successful Croatian-North American Soccer Tournament founded in 1964.

In 1965, Frank Burin – then Croatia Melbourne Secretary met with delegates from Metropolitan Adriatic (more commonly known as Sydney Croatia / United) to form the Central Committe for Croatian Soccer Clubs in Australia (S.O.H.N.K.A - Središnji Odbor Hrvatskih Nogometnih Klubova Australije). The idea was similar to the already established Central Committee of Croatian Associations in Australia which was a conglomerate of all the Australian Croatian Association branches in Australia, the new body would be more focused in the soccer world, helping clubs acquire overseas based players, organising friendlies and the soon to be revealed, Croatia Cup to be contested by all Croatian soccer clubs in Australia. The Croatia Cup never got off the ground in the end – yet a tragic turn of events for this years host club – Croatia Melbourne would reignite the idea of a nationwide Croatian gala tournament.

In 1972 Croatia were expelled by the Victorian Soccer Federation for spectator behaviour against Hakoah St. Kilda.

For a year and a half, the club's Executive Committee tried in vain to be readmitted to the top Victorian league. The Chair of the State League Management Committee (SLMC) was Tony Kovač, President of Footscray JUST and sworn enemy of Croatia as a club that stood against everything he stood for. His influence definitely played a part in keeping Croatia out. Enver Begović, club Chairman at the time took the VSF to the Supreme Court of Victoria and lost, the club's juniors gallantly protested in front of Soccer House for four weekends in a row to no avail.

It was time for Croatia to try a different tact. Tony Vržina took over a team not playing in any league yet boasting some of the best players the state had to offer. Many were off-loaded to keep them happy in the game such as Jimmy Mackay and Billy McIntyre – many that were at the end of their careers stayed with the club. The club organised mid-week friendlies to keep themselves in shape on the off chance that the club would be readmitted. The VSF threatened sanctions against any club agreeing to play Croatia in a friendly. Croatia then began to play against sides outside of the jurisdiction of the VSF, factory teams, schools and universities – but the fans wanted a return to Olympic Park and the glory days of old immediately. Tony Vržina, Tomica Hrvojević, Josip Solić, Nikola Drk, Mijat Češljar and Joso Sigur arranged to take over the struggling Essendon Lions club in Division 1. Once the deal was complete, the club would then morph back into Croatia, with the colours being changed and the club finding itself one league below the State League. In 1974, once the deal with the Croatia party was complete, the Ukrainians had mostly left and surrendered ownership of the club as well as its lease with council for Montgomery Park in Essendon. The tournament, a brainchild of many now had a chance to come to fruition – no longer did Croatia have to pander to the Melbourne Olympic Parks Trusts' demands but could stage games at their leisure. Mirko Furjanić, Šime Kolčeg, Tony Vržina and Josip Solić were all instrumental in laying the foundations for the Croatian Soccer Tournament as we know it today.

The first Australian-Croatian Tournament kicked off in 1974 with a trial event staged in Melbourne where six soccer clubs participated at Melbourne Croatia's ground Montgomery Park in Essendon. The tournament was born. Although only six clubs participated, it was the beginning, a beginning spawned from Croatia Melbourne's expulsion from the Victorian Soccer Federation. Croatia Melbourne lost 1-3 to Croatia Sydney in the first ever tournament staged at Montgomery Park.

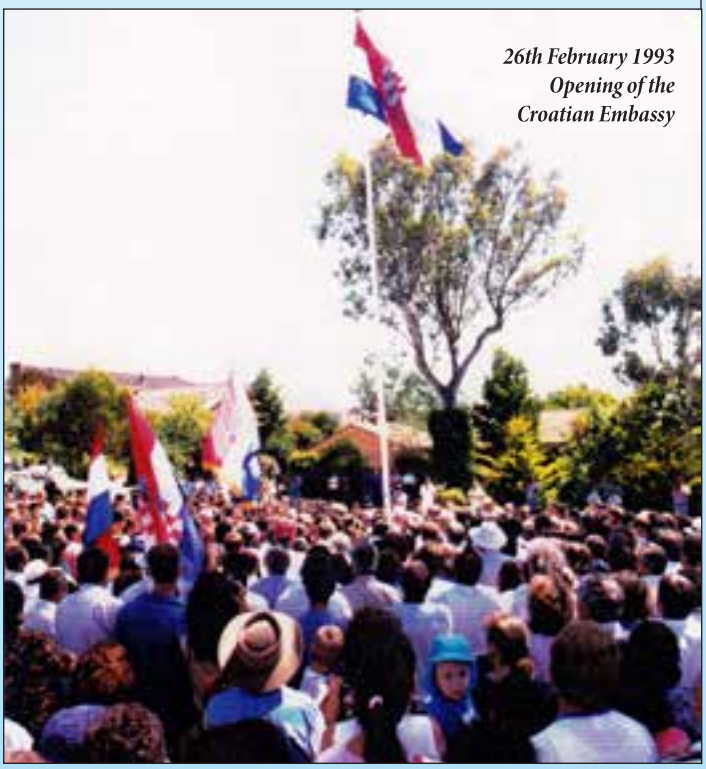
The first official tournament was staged in 1975, hosted by Sydney Croatia and taken out by Canberra FC who defeated Sydney Croatia 3-1 in the Final.

Croatia Sydney in white, Croatia Melbourne in Red, 1974 Final

Embassy of the Republic of Croatia in Australia , Canberra ACT

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Residents of Croatian Ancestry 5,541
Major Clubs Australian Croatian Club O'Connor, Canberra Deakin
Soccer Clubs Canberra Deakin, O'Connor Knights
Churches Croatian Catholic Mission Queanbeyan
Tournament Records
Champions Canberra FC Champions 6, O'Connor Knights 1
Hosted by Canberra FC 1978, 1988, 1996, 2004



26th February 1993 Opening of the Croatian Embassy

The Croatian Community of ACT, although small in number has a very strong history in the building of Australia's newest city and the Capital of our nation.

Like many Croatian emigrants all over Australia, the community in Canberra has excelled in the field of construction, helping shape the city skyline.

The first Croatian social club, formed in 1969 was the Australian Croatian Association Canberra branch, known by its moniker of Džafer Beg Kulenović.

The club was later renamed the Australian Croatian Club Canberra and owns it's own club house in Turner.

Alongside the Club, the Croatian Catholic Mission of Queanbeyan holds a special place within the community, as does the Adria Village Croatian Nursing home in Stirling.

The Croatian community of Australia caused an international political stir in the ACT after setting up an unrecognised Embassy in November 1977, with specific laws later passed to stop something like that from happening again. The Ukrainians in Canada soon tried to follow the Croatian lead.

However, for all the Croatians have built for themselves and the wider community, one building will forever hold a special place in the heart of many Croatians Australia-wide, but especially of those from the Australian Capital Territory.

The Croatian community embarked upon a project not undertaken by any other ethnic community in Australia. To procure land and build the newly recognised Republic of Croatia a Diplomatic home, an Embassy.

Perched over an imposing hill, in one of the most envious real estate locations in Canberra, Croatian families, many with connections in the building industry ensured that the Embassy of the Republic of Croatia in Australia would be the envy of many, and the pride of a few.

On 26th February 1993 the Australian-Croatian community gathered in multitudes in the Capital city of Australia – Canberra – to drive the Croatian flagpoles into the soil where the Croatian Embassy was opened.

CANBERRA FC

Year Formed 1958
Names Croatia, Canberra Croatia, Croatia Deakin, Canberra Deakin **Home Ground** Deakin Stadium
Major Trophies ACT State League Champions 1962, 1963, 1966, 1967, 1973, 1978, 1979, 1987, 1988, 1995, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013 Ampol Cup 1963, 1972, 1973, 1987, 1988
Tournament Record Champions 1975, 1986, 1992, 1994, 2001, 2005
Hosts 1978, 1988, 1996, 2004
Divisions Entered Division 1, Division 2, Women's Division, Master's Division

Canberra FC, First Team 2013

We owe an everlasting debt to the early pioneers of the Croatian community in Canberra who had the foresight to establish the Croatia Soccer Club in 1958.

In the early years, love of soccer was seen as an important way to preserve the Croatian national identity. Those pioneers found the game was the best vehicle for assimilation into Australian society and the more successful the club became on the sporting field, the more recognition was bestowed upon the Croatian community.

There were times when propaganda perpetrated by the Yugoslav government attempted to place Croatians in an unfavourable light in the eyes of the Australian public, making it all the more important that Croatians were united to protect and preserve their heritage.

Australia provided a new home and a new way of life. It represented everything they had wished for, and been denied in their homeland-democracy, equality and freedom of speech.

Despite the passion that remained in their hearts for their beloved Croatia, the love that was displayed for their adopted home, Australia was just as great.

The Croatia Soccer club from its foundation always welcomed various nationalities into its player personnel, coaching ranks, and social membership. It embraced the Australian multicultural vision from the outset.

1958 Team which competed in the first match against Wistula on 26 October 1958
Left to Right - Stane Sirar, Gojko Cvrk, Gvidon Witalik, Enver Mehaković, Vjeko Djurut, Zvonko Horaček, Roko Dželalija, Branko Jaram, Ismet Gjurbuzović, Predrag Amančić, Tonči Ričov

O'CONNOR KNIGHTS

Year Formed 1997
Names Knights, HNK O'Connor Knights **Home Ground** Kaleen Enclosed Fields
Major Trophies First Grade League Champions 1999, Australian Croatian Soccer Tournament Champions 2004
Tournament Record Champions 2004
Divisions Entered Men's Division 2

The O'Connor Knights were formed in 1997 by local Croatian soccer players that wished to compete in the lower leagues of the ACT league structure. Within a few years however, these part-timers, the pub-team as they were known found themselves promoted into the ACT Premier Division alongside the entrenched Canberra Deakin.

A few good seasons of results saw the club grow, eventually adding a Womens team.

O'Connor's greatest achievement to date is winning the Croatian Soccer Tournament that was hosted by Deakin in 2004. A large crowd in the pre-renovation version of Deakin Stadium (complete with wooden seats and beautiful greenery) saw O'Connor take out the title in front of boisterous home support.

O'Connor Knightess'

O'Connor Knights 2011

Croatian Club King Tomislav, Edensor Park, 1973

NEW SOUTH WALES

Residents of Croatian Ancestry 42,732
Major Clubs Croatian Club Punchbowl, Croatian Club King Tomislav
Soccer Clubs Luddenham United, HNK Edensor Park, Hurstville Zagreb, King Tomislav, Kraljeva Sutjeska, South Coast United, Sydney United 58, Werrington Croatia
Churches Croatian Catholic Missions in Blacktown, Summer Hill, St. Johns Park, Newcastle, Wollongong
Tournament Records
Champions Sydney United 58 - 10, Hajduk Sydney 1, Ljubuški FC 1
Hosted in NSW 1975, 1981, 1987, 1994, 1999, 2003, 2006, 2011

The Croatian Community of New South Wales is the largest in Australia, marginally ahead of Victoria.

The first Croatian organisation to be formed in New South Wales was the Australian Croatian Association of Sydney which was established in 1951 in Maroubra Junction. The club later moved on to Surrey Hills, then Marrickville before finally settling in Punchbowl. The Croatian community of NSW is heavily concentrated in Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong.

The most important institutions in the life of the Croatian community of Sydney are the Croatian clubs, the Soccer clubs, Churches, Folkloric groups and the Cardinal Stepinac Village.

The most renowned soccer club, Sydney United 58 is a former National Soccer League powerhouse and pride of the Croatian community.

Croatian clubs and venues are more than just meeting places. They are venues where one can enjoy Croatian food, language, culture, music, and sports.

Sydney United 58 NSW NPL Premiers 2013

HNK EDENSOR PARK

Year Formed 2000
Names Edensor, HNKEP **Home Ground** Allambie Reserve, Edensor Park
Tournament Record Attended every tournament since founding of club
Divisions Entered Men's Division 2, Women's Division

HNK Edensor Park 2013

HNK Edensor Park was formed in the year 2000 between a group of friends that supported and continue to support Sydney Croatia (United).

The first tournament sowed the seeds for the club to grow by adding further teams at tournaments including now boasting a womens team as well.

The fact that the club is based in Edensor Park, one of the biggest clusterings of Croatians in New South Wales, gives the club great strength in continually regenerating with youth as the years go by.

Women's Team

After a solid effort on the Gold Coast last tourney, the girls from Edensor Park are looking forward to playing our best football come October. The 2013 season confirmed to all that we never give up. We play, fight, laugh, cry, win and lose together and this only makes us stronger.

We can't wait to catch up with old friends as well as make some new ones, all while performing on the park and at the bar.

Good luck to all teams competing in 2013.

Bring it on Melbourne!

HNK Edensor Park Women
Back Row: Jasna Arbanas, Davorka Arbanas, Dannielle Cartisano, Anita Tadić, Mara Rašić, Ines Bošković, Melissa Bobanović (Team Manager), Katarina Kneževič, Kiara Cartisano
Front Row: Martina Jurić, Rattany Deng, Marija Miletić, Lida Hemmaty, Zoia Cartisano, Rebecca Adamson, Chantelle Lingotti
Absent: Tania Baban, Marijana Rajčić, Slavica Galić, Jessica Olarte, Petar Puratić (Coach)

HURSTVILLE ZAGREB

Year Formed 1970
Names Hurstville Zagreb, Hurstville ZSC **Home Ground** Hurstville Oval Velodrome
Tournament Record Host 1999
Divisions Entered Men's Division 1, Men's Division 2, Masters

Hurstville Zagreb FC was formed in 1970 by members of the Croatian community in the Southern suburbs of Sydney.

This club, where it's under 6's to Over 35's ply their trade in the St. George Football Association, have carried on their forefathers ideals in providing quality and exciting football in the local competition.

Over the last 39 years, the Federation side has moved up through the divisions playing as high as the NSW State Super League in the 2004 and 2005 seasons.

This club, which has produced talent such as Ante Čović, Mark Rudan, Ante and Joe Morić and current coach Steve Zorić, proudly plays its football in NSW Division Two.

Every year, Zagreb also hosts the Martin Knezevic Cup in memory of former player, coach and friend, Martin Knezevic.

Zagreb has become the second largest Croatian soccer club in Sydney, after Sydney United.

Despite never having won the coveted Australian Croatian Soccer Tournament, it finished a notable third in the 36th edition, missing out by a solitary goal although beating fancied opponents St. Albans and Deakin.

Zagreb Hurstville 2013
Back Row: John Gagro (President), Dario Borovičkić, Anthony Majetić, Jonathan Joannidis, Christian Leon, Goran Sivrić, Stephan Perak, Vjekoslav Zorić (Captain/Coach), James Galić, Rayvin Ragoo, Nicholas Musovski
Front Row: Krešo Terkeš, Michael Posavac, Carlos Carneiro, Antonio Pandža, Michael Chynoweth, Paul Gagro

Zagreb Hurstville - Division 2 Side
Back Row: Matt Barbić, Steve Moskin, Mario Martinović, Dennis Užević, Stan Kvešić, Ivan Galić, Stipe Šušić, Daren Blažić, Ante Šušić
Front Row: Tony Porša, Daniel Dundović, Frank Vlaović, Tommy Prusac, Mile Dundović, Steve Vidaković, Marko Šušić

The All Age squad currently plays in the St. George Football Association and has dominated the scene over the past number of years. Once again they will don the famous white shirt at this year's Melbourne tournament, hoping to win the competition in Division 2.

The Zagreb Old Boys have been on the world football stage at Zagreb since 2009.

After starting off with enough for 1 team, 2013 sees the ZOB's fielding teams in the Over 35 A, B and C's competitions in the St. George Association with all teams vying for top spot in each competition.

Motivational speeches from former 1994 World Cup Bulgarian International Yordan "Tiger" Lecthkov has the 50 or so brave men in white ply their football maturity on the field each week by dazzling their opponents with their blinding pace, referee debating, footballing prowess and drinking abilities.

The hair might have gone greyer, they may be balding, stomachs are bigger, but the football skills never go away.

Look forward to competing on and off the field @ Melbourne in 2013.

Zagreb Hurstville - Masters Side
Back Row: Robert Čirjak, Michael Voulgarakis, Željko Tolić, Mirko Dugandžić, Tony "Tiger" Kardum", Peter Lesko, Vince Daspromonte, Mile Beretin (c), Marc Pepper, Mario Vasilj, Damijan Ivešić, Joe Bubalo, Mark Maverick, Daniel Pigantel-liFront Row: Theo Skropidis, Simon Čulo, Mitch Čolak, Danny Buršić, Tony Cavar, Severin Marinović

KING TOMISLAV

Year Formed 1972
Names Kralj Tomislav, King Tomislav, King Tom
Major Trophies Hosted the most amount of Tournaments of any amateur club
Tournament Record Hosts 1981, 2011
Divisions Entered Men's Division 2, Master's Division

King Tomislav 203
Back Row - Peter Marković, Tom Olić, Stephen Tresoglavić, Michael Ner, Lucas Lebić, Tomislav Orlović, Marijan Radaš, Steven Drenovac, Mika Raguž
Front Row Robert Lapić, Jozo Šimić, Ante Penava, Daniel Bošnjak, Ante Bošnjak

Founded in 1972, HNK King Tomislav holds a special place in the hearts of the Croatian community in Sydney.

Formed as an amateur offshoot of Croatia Sydney, to be based at the King Tomislav Club - it's only natural that the club has always been an underpinning factor for the success of both the King Tom Club and Sydney United.

The 2013 squad is a mix of young and experienced players that compete in the strong local Premier League competition. Playing attractive football, the team was assured of the grand final and would surely have won the competition if not for the mass exodus of players to Croatia for their annual holiday. This new generation of players look forward to a strong showing at Melbourne 2013 and continuing the proud King Tomislav tradition for many years to come.

King Tomislav Masters 2013
Back Row Zoran Jurica, Miki Mutabdžija, Tomislav Lerotić, Josip Pijaca, Nickica Zelić, Vinko Blažević
Front Row Ante Bošnjak, Zeljko Vukančić, Kenedi Toto, Steven Bekavac

WERRINGTON CROATIA

Year Formed 1982
Names Croatia Werrington, Werrington FC **Home Ground** Luddenham Oval
Tournament Record N/A
Divisions Entered Men's Division 2, Master's Division

Werrington Croatia Division 2

Werrington Croatia FC are playing in their 31st consecutive season in the Nepean Association in the western suburbs of Sydney. Our original home ground was at Croatia Park Werrington. After that was sold Werrington moved around sharing grounds with various local teams. In 2010 Werrington moved to it's new home ground at the Croatian Club Bosna located at 229 Luddenham Rd, St Marys 2760. Our ground is known as Luddenham Oval.

Werrington's most famous junior is Mile Jedinak who is playing professionally in England with Crystal Palace FC & went on to represent the Socceroos at the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa.

We are looking forward to a successful Season 2013 & we are fielding 8 teams this season in following age groups: Under 6s, Under 7s, AAL Div 4, AAM Div 1, AAM Div 1, Over 35 Div 1, Over 35 Div 3 & Over 45 Div 1.

After playing on opening night against the hosts at the Gold Coast 2012 tournament, the boys are back to cause an upset or two on our way to glory.

The 2013 season was definitely below our best and we'll be making up for it at the tournament. We play with pride, we party in style and we look forward to meeting each and every one of you – at the bar! Win or lose: on the booze! Watch out Melbourne!

Werrington Croatia Masters

DALMACIJA SYDNEY

Year Formed Early 1980's
Names Dalmacija Sydney, Dalleys FC **Home Ground** McLelland Street Willoughby
Tournament Record First tournament participated in was in 1993
Divisions Entered Men's Division 2, Women's Division

Dalmacija Sydney Men's Division 2

Dalmacija Sydney Croatian Football Club was formed in the early 1980's by members of the Croatian community in the Chatswood / Willoughby suburbs of Sydney. The club joined the Northern Suburbs Football Association (formally known as Kuring-Gai & District Soccer Association) in 1988 and has remained a part of this association to this day.

2013 was another successful year for the club in Premier League with both the First Grade & Reserve Grade sides finishing 3rd in their respective competitions. Both teams also made it to this year's Grand Final game, with the First Graders being triumphant.

The members of Dalmacija Sydney Croatian Football Club wish all their players the best of luck for this year's tournament. The Dalmacija Sydney Women's team have been playing together since 2004 in the Northern Suburbs Football Association (formally known as Kuring-Gai & District Soccer Association). The team emanated from a group of friends in the Croatian Community who could barely kick a ball and who were just looking for a fun team sport to play.

Through much dedication and determination, the girls were crowned Champions in their maiden year and also managed to retain this title in the following year. Furthermore, the team has also managed to climb up two divisions as a result of their efforts (although you won't believe this judging from their past performances in the Croatian Tournaments). In 2013, the team finished the season in 4th place in their Division 2 competition.

Most importantly, the girls have had fun during their existence and have managed to bring the community somewhat closer together, as well as introduce many other girls to our great community.

Back Row - Marin Orlić, Natalie Farač, Evette Martinovich , Ivana Krstičević , Yasmina Žabica , Amber Gladstone, Vanessa Andrijić , Gemma Bridle, Glenda Bambić, Greg Bosnich
Front Row - Emily Andrijić , Emilia Grzeskiewicz , Bianca Bosnich, Nicole Žaknić , Karina Andrijić , Melisa Perdija , Marijana Vulešica , Vanessa Poljak

SOUTH COAST UNITED

Year Formed 1984
Names Croatia Wollongong, South Coast United **Home Ground** Ian McLennan Park
Major Trophies Illawarra Premier League 1987 Illawarra Conference League 2004
Tournament Record Hosted Tournament in 1994
Divisions Entered Men's Division 2, Master's Division

South Coast United
Back Row: Greg Valić (c), Tommy Škara, Jason Bleakley, Nick Šaravanja, Lance Barrie, Kolan Al Hmde
Front Row: Anton Batur, Dinko Terzić, Mate Nimac, Christopher Valić, Ricky Bertakis

South Coast United (Wollongong Croatia) is an Australian football (soccer) Club from the city of Wollongong located 80 km's south of Sydney.

The club was founded in 1984 by Wollongong's Croatian community.

The club plays in the Football South Coast Men's Premier League after being promoted in 2005 after a long stint outside the top division. South Coast were previously in the Illawarra Conference League or Division 1 as it was previously known.

In 2004, SCU were minor premiers of the Illawarra Conference League however lost the Grand Final to Helensburgh 4-1.

The high-point in the clubs history came in 1987, only a few years after its formation, when the club won its only Illawarra Premier League championship.

The club is located at Kembla Grange and plays its home ground at Ian McLennan Park.

The club hosted the Australian & New Zealand Croatian Soccer Tournament in 1994 & were Div 2 winners in 2011 in Sydney. In 2014 the club will be celebrating it's 30th Anniversary.

The squad is currently managed by Brian Butkovic.

Ian McLennan Park, Wollongong

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QUEENSLAND

Residents of Croatian Ancestry 8,853
Major Clubs Rocklea Croatian Club, Croatian Sports Centre Gold Coast
Soccer Clubs Brisbane Knights, Gold Coast Knights
Churches Croatian Catholic Mission Cardinal Aloysius Stepinac Brisbane
Tournament Records
Champions Brisbane Knights 1
Hosted in Queensland 1982, 1989, 1995, 2001, 2012

The Croatian Community of Queensland is centred mainly in Brisbane and the Gold Coast, however there are two Croatian clubs up north, in Cairns and Dimbulah.

The Croatian Community Centre Brisbane, which houses the Brisbane Knights is built on land purchased in the early 1970's.

In late 2010, the Queensland floods hit many people hard.

The Croatian club on Dunn Road in Rocklea was hit hard, with nearly the entire first level of the club being damaged.

Together with the support of the Croatian community of Australia, which organised a Rock for Rocklea as well as other fundraisers, the club has been able to get on it's own two feet again whilst renovating the dated hall.

The Croatian Club Brisbane sits upon 50 acres of land, arguably the largest property owned by the Croatian community Australia-wide.

Just up the freeway is the Croatian Sports Centre on the Gold Coast which hosted the 2012 tournament - a tournament that will forever be remembered for raising the bar in quality.

Croatian Club, Brisbane

BRISBANE KNIGHTS

Year Formed 1957
Names Croatia SC, Brisbane Croatia, Rocklea United **Home Ground** Croatian Club Brisbane
Major Trophies Ampol Cup Runner Up 1985 Brisbane Premier League Runner Up 1992
Tournament Record Hosted Tournament in 1982, 1989, 2001, Champions 1982
Divisions Entered Men's Division 2

Brisbane Knights FC is a club based in Rocklea, an inner city south west suburb of Brisbane. The club's top team currently play in the Brisbane Premier league division one. The club also has metro teams, a women's team and caters for junior teams of all ages. The club's colours are red white and blue, reflecting the club's Croatian heritage.

Towards the end of 1979 a major turning point for the club took place where members had a urgent meeting at the Shafton Hotel where it was decided that something needed to be done to secure the clubs future for the people and generations to come. A vote was then put forward and passed that the club would purchase land secretary John Ivica Mesic had found, comprising of 52 acres in the Rocklea area costing $46.000 and where the club currently exists today. Construction of a tent/shed like clubhouse and a field took place soon after and was used in 1980.

All the best to all the teams competing in Melbourne for the 39th annual Croatian Soccer Tournament.

Croatian Club, Brisbane January 2011

GOLD COAST KNIGHTS

Year Formed 1978
Names St. Anthony's, Carrara Cro's, Gold Coast Knights **Home Ground** Croatian Sports Centre
Major Trophies FGC Cup 1993, Gold Coast Premier League 1981, 1984, 1986, 2003, 2008
Tournament Record Hosted Tournament in 1995, 2012
Divisions Entered Men's Division 2, Master's Division

Gold Coast Knights 2013

The Gold Coast Knights team participating in the Croatian Tournament in 2013 is derived of players from all three senior teams at the club. The majority of the players are of Croatian heritage and are one of the two teams representing the Gold Coast this year. At last year's tournament the Gold Coast Knights were unlucky to be eliminated in the semi-finals of the first division. This year the team has high hopes to better their achievements from last year and ultimately do the club proud in such a prestigious competition.

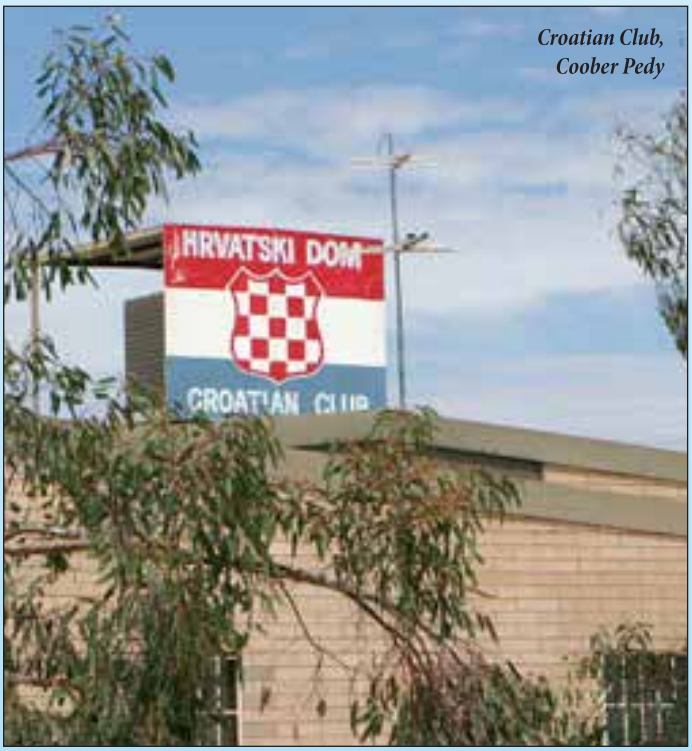
The Gold Coast Knights "Old Boys" play in the Gold Coast Masters Over 40 league. The boys have always been playing In Div 1 since the team was formed back in 2010 and haven't missed a Cro Soccer Tournament. Another major highlight is the Knights won the first ever Cro Soccer Tournament Masters Competition which was held on the Gold Coast last year. The Gold Coast Knights community wish our sister club a happy 60th anniversary and we hope you continue to be one of the flagship Croatian Soccer Teams outside of Croatia.

Gold Coast Knights Old Boys 2013
Back Row - Ernest de Sausa, Josip Brkić, Goran Mišić, Dominko Sabelja, Branko Mamić, Željko Ružić, Stipe Barać (Manager)
Bottom Row - Les Jabbour, Jozo Radoš, Janusz Stankowski, Goran Dimkovski, Mate Radoš, Lou Spasevski

Croatian Sports Centre Adelaide

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Residents of Croatian Ancestry 8,909
Major Clubs Adelaide Croatian Club, Croatian Sports Centre Adelaide, Croatian Club Coober Pedy
Soccer Clubs Adelaide Croatia, Adelaide Old Boys, Adelaide Croatia Vukovi, Whyalla Croatia
Churches Croatian Catholic Mission Adelaide, St. Patrick's Church
Tournament Records
Champions Adelaide Croatia Raiders 5, Whyalla Croatia 1
Hosted in South Australia 1977, 1985, 1991, 1997, 2002, 2009



Croatian Club, Coober Pedy

There are over 3,500 Croatian-born residents in South Australia and many more of Croatian descent, in total it's a community of approximately 10,000 people. The strength of this community reflects both the success of multiculturalism in this state and the ongoing commitment of Croats to maintaining their heritage.

The Croatian community today is thriving and it continues to generate new responses to the changing times. In aged care, there is now a modern facility shared with Ukrainian and Belarusian peoples, while the Croatian Medical Aid Foundation raises funds for medical equipment in Croatia.

Meanwhile the Croatian Chamber of Commerce reflects the influence of Croats in the commercial world.

A recent initiative is the founding of the Australian Croatian Historical Society.

One of the many challenges is to maintain the language and culture of Croatia for future generations. The commitment of so many Croats, both past and present, to the betterment of their community, and to South Australia as a whole, provides a strong foundation upon which to take up this challenge.

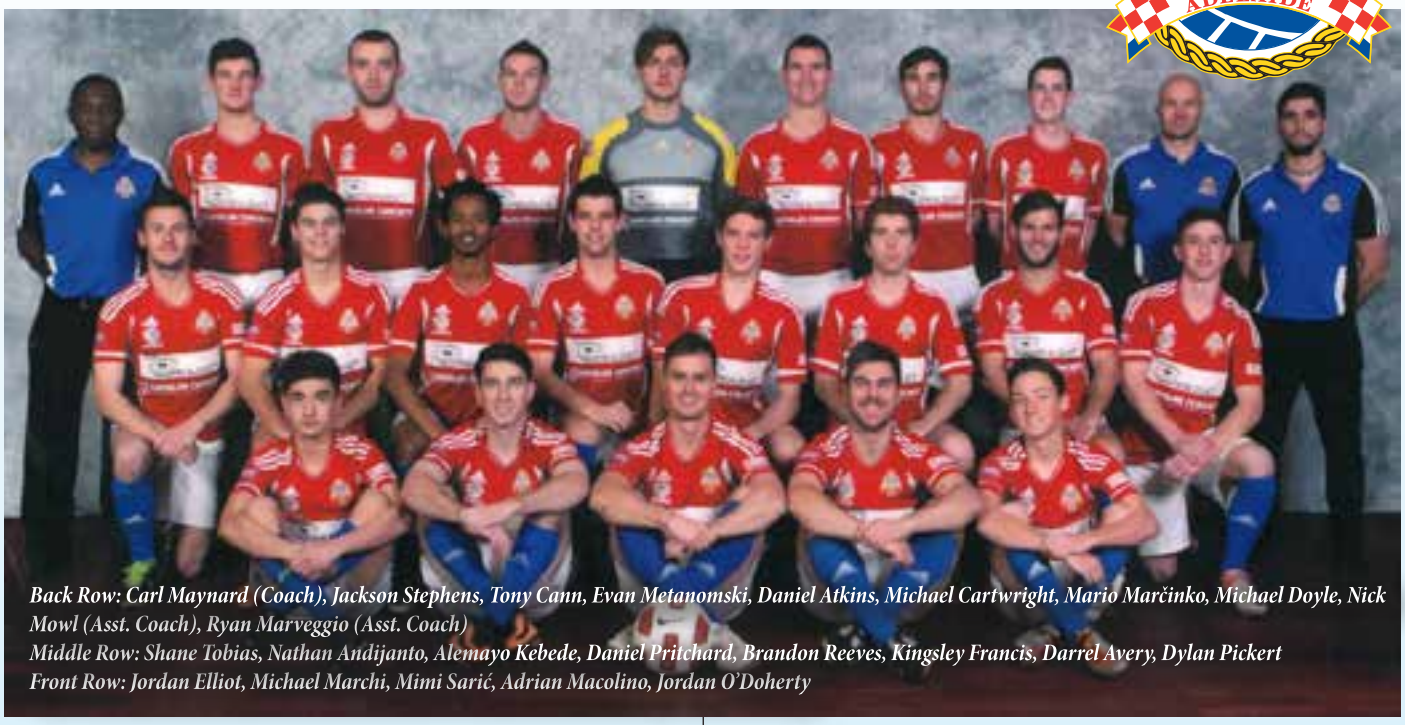
The Croatian communities members are active within a number of organisations including:

The Croatian Club Adelaide est. June 1961,
Located in Brompton
The Croatian Soccer Club Est. 1952,
Located in Gepps Cross
The Croatian Sports Centre Est. 1998,
State Sports Park, Gepps Cross
Croatian Catholic Centre Est. 1956
Croatian Sporting Club Pt. Lincoln Est. 1984
Croatian Whyalla West Soccer Club Est 1960
Australian-Croatian Community Club Mount Gambier Est 1959
Croatian Club Riverland Est 1966
Croatian Club Coober Pedy Est. 1980

At the 2006 Census 50,993 persons resident in Australia identified themselves as having been born in Croatia, representing about 0.25% of the Australian population. The Census also noted 118,046 persons identified themselves as having Croatian ancestry, either alone or in combination with another ancestry.

ADELAIDE RAIDERS

Year Formed 1952 **Names** Croatia SC, Adelaide Croatia, Croatia Raiders **Home Ground** Croatian Sports Centre Adelaide **Major Trophies** South Australian First Division Champions 1980, 1984, 1988, 1997
Tournament Record Hosted Tournament in 1977, 1985, 1991, 1997, 2002, 2009
Champions in 1984, 1995, 1997, 2002, 2009
Divisions Entered Men's Division 1, Women's Division



Back Row: Carl Maynard (Coach), Jackson Stephens, Tony Cann, Evan Metanomski, Daniel Atkins, Michael Cartwright, Mario Marčinko, Michael Doyle, Nick Mowl (Asst. Coach), Ryan Marveggio (Asst. Coach)
Middle Row: Shane Tobias, Nathan Andijanto, Alemayo Kebede, Daniel Pritchard, Brandon Reeves, Kingsley Francis, Darrel Avery, Dylan Pickert
Front Row: Jordan Elliot, Michael Marchi, Mimi Sarić, Adrian Macolino, Jordan O'Doherty

Formed in 1952, the Adelaide Croatia Soccer Club is Australia's oldest Croatian Soccer Club. Winners of the tournament 5 times and most recently in 2009, this proud club returns to the 2013 tournament with every intention to win once again. In our long and established history, the Adelaide Croatia Soccer Club has experienced large successes on the field as champions of the domestic SA competition, and boast the state's premier football facility, the Croatian Sports Centre. We are looking forward to sharing in the celebrations of the tournament once again and wish all players, supporters and the local Croatian community the best of luck over the tournament weekend.

Women's Division

Thanks to members of the committee and the womens coach Mary Mavra. The Raiders Women's team was re-established in 2011 after 15 years of absence from the women's competition. After 2 years they have established themselves as a force in the competition with becoming runner up the last 2 seasons in a row. This season, the Women's Team have been promoted to Division 1 and it is looking to be a particularly challenging and exciting future. The Raiders Womens aspire to continue to play in a challenging division and work towards promoting further womens and junior teams to join the club.

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MISS ST. ALBANS DINAMO
KRISTINA BARIŠIĆ

MISS DANDENONG CITY
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MISS KING TOMISLAV
NATALI PERICA

MISS CO-ORDINATOR
EMMA ŠESTAN

ADELAIDE CROATIA OLD BOYS

Year Formed 1952 **Names** Croatia SC, Adelaide Croatia, Croatia Raiders
Home Ground Croatian Sports Centre Adelaide
Divisions Entered Master's Division

After a few good years the Old Boys from Adelaide are getting older and slower and in dire need of some new recruits.

Šime 'horse krema' Samardžija still playing at near on 60.

We especially missed a regular goalkeeper but found that Jonny 'Port Power' Grdović did the best he could with his acrobatics.

Although much of the year we were struggling to get 11 on the park we still managed to play every game even with 8 on the pitch. Twice we were down 4.0 only to come back and draw the game and made sure it was tough for the opposition.

The highlights were few but a 5 goal solo haul from our prolific striker Brane 'I can run' Ripa was amazing.

Also whipping Plympton 5-0 in our last game and playing some brilliant football.

We hope for a good showing in Melbourne with some surprise guest players to wow the pundits.

ADELAIDE CROATIA VUKOVI

Year Formed 1983
Names Croatia Amateurs, **Home Ground** Croatian Sports Centre Adelaide
Major Trophies South Australian Division 5 Champions
Tournament Record
Divisions Entered Men's Division 2

The Adelaide Croatia amateurs were established in the 1983/84 season mainly to accommodate for the growing Croatian migrant population and also for old premier league players.

The ambition of the club was to be competitive and to keep old friends together and spread the Croatian culture and nationality into the multicultural soccer community of South Australia.

The club plays an important role as it has enabled players with different skill levels to enjoy the game of soccer so that friends could play together in the same team. At the same time it is a very social atmosphere, one that the whole family can enjoy on a Sunday afternoon.

After a brief hiatus in 1998, the club rejoined the league in 2001. Since then, it has risen from Division 6 to reach the heights of division 2 in 2007, claiming the division 5 championship along the way.

2008 saw the club take on its current nickname and logo of the Adelaide Croatia Vukovi.

We are proud to be here at this year's tournament once again and wish all the teams the very best of luck!

Australian Croatian Association Melbourne

VICTORIA

Residents of Croatian Ancestry 42,142
Major Clubs AHD Melbourne, AHD Geelong
Soccer Clubs Dandenong City, Gospić Bears, HNK Bunker, HNK Mostar, Irymple Knights, Melbourne Knights, Melbourne Tornado, North Geelong Warriors, St. Albans Saints, St. Albans Vukovar, FC Strathmore, Wednesday Knights
Churches Croatian Catholic Centre (HKC) Clifton Hill, HKC Sunshine, HKC Keysborough, HKC Geelong
Tournament Records
Champions St. Albans Saints 7
Melbourne Knights 4
Hosted in Victoria 1974^, 1976, 1983, 1984, 1986, 1990, 1992, 1993, 1998, 2000, 2005, 2008, 2013

The Croatian Community of Victoria is marginally smaller than that of NSW, although it is just as vibrant through the community services various clubs and associations offered.

The Australian Croatian Association Melbourne is the oldest Croatian community organisation in Victoria, which was formed in 1951.

Victoria is a particular stronghold of Australian Croatian Association branches with headquarters located in Melbourne, Geelong, Ballarat, Wodonga and Morwell.

The various Croatian Catholic Centres in Melbourne also fill an important role in the community, offering pastoral support and senior citizen's clubs for the elderly of the community to keep in touch.

Victoria hosts the greatest number of Croatian soccer clubs compared to any state in Australia with a grand total of 12.

Out of these 12, four clubs; Dandenong City, Melbourne Knights, North Geelong Warriors and St. Albans Saints find themselves in the upper echelons of the semi-professional State Leagues.

The Melbourne Knights FC is regarded as the pride of the community, an organisation that in its various incarnations garnered the greatest recognition of the Croatian identity, being crowned Australian national champions twice.

Australian Croatian Association Geelong

DANDENONG CITY

Year Formed 1981 as Parkmore Hajduk, 2008 Merger with Dandenong City **Names** Hajduk, Chelsea Hajduk, Chelsea SC **Home Ground** Frank Holohan Soccer Complex
Major Trophies Provisional Cup Winner 2003, State League 2 SE Champions 2011
Tournament Record Runner Up in 2005, 2012
Divisions Entered Men's Division 1, Men's Division 2, Women's Division

Dandenong City 2013

Dandenong City Hajduk hails from the south-eastern suburbs of Melbourne and for many years has flown the flag at tournaments and local league level as the only Croatian club from the eastern side of Melbourne.

Formerly known as Chelsea Hajduk after switching venues several years ago the club has always punched above its weight as a talent factory, producing Socceroos Ljubo Miličević and Eugene Galeković, Olyroo Ante Pelikan, A-League title winner Antun Kovačić and former Melbourne Knights left back Joey Rajher as well as Knights youth league champions Ivan Gelemanović and Ivan Klarica. Dandenong City plays in the state league second division (S-E Region).

After a successful season in 2011 under the management of Melbourne Croatia legend Josip Biškić, Hajduk was promoted to the first division for the first time in its history. Unfortunately it was short-lived as the club was relegated for 2013, although Hajduk is once again challenging for the title. Dandenong City Hajduk has over the years made significant contributions to the annual Croatian Soccer Tournament and has always travelled in large numbers to support its men and women and the tournament in general.

The Adelaide tournament broke all records as the club had more than 140 people at the Miss Croatia Gala night.

The club has participated in every soccer tournament since its formation and has been proudly represented every year at the Miss Croatia-Australia gala night. Although never winning the tournament Hajduk has twice come runner-up, in 2005 against Canberra and last year in a very tight encounter against Melbourne Knights.

This year the club will once again be strongly represented with three teams in total, in divisions 1 and 2 and the women's section. Following on from last year's success on the Gold Coast, Hajduk will be looking to go all the way this year. **The Dandenong City Women's team** plays in the state league third division and enjoyed a much improved season from 2012.

Coached by senior player Jeremy Ortiz, the Hajduk team finished seventh and picked up 19 points in the southern division. The girls showed immense improvement from the previous year and look forward to competing in this year's Australian-Croatian tournament particularly after reaching the Quarter Finals in 2011 and 2012. Familiar faces such as Aleksandra and Tanja Milušić and Natalie and Stephanie Nesci will be joined by some new faces.

GOSPIC BEARS

Year Formed 2004 **Names** Gospić Bears, Melbourne Bears,
Home Ground Wallace Reserve
Major Trophies Men's Champions 2013
Tournament Record Attended every tournament since formation
Divisions Entered Men's Division 2, Women's Division, Master's Division

Back Row – Nik Ćorić, Ivan Mioč (Coach), Niko Opačak, Mario Mioč, Dejan Kalinić, Matej Odobašić, Ivan Kalinić, Craig 'Hutchy' Meade, Dario Međugorac (C)
Front Row – William Ćorić, Hakan Ilhan (VC), David Di Pasquale, Vicko Medved, Tomislav Grgić, Marko Butorac, Will Naimet.
Absent: David Šulava, Davor Šulava, Jure Marinac

The Gospic Bears FC Melbourne established in 2004, celebrate its 10 Year Anniversary in 2013. The club kicked off the year with a massive zabava at the Dom in Footscray and announced its team of the decade. It's the 10th straight tournament for this small club from Glenroy. We have a strong following in Melbourne and linked with members all around the world including Croatia and Canada. We love coming to our fortress Wallace Reserve each Sunday morning to do what we do best, play football, cook cevapi and have a laugh. New men's coach Ivan Mioč has a 100% record in the league this year and will look to bring home some silverware in this local tournament. We wish all clubs participating this year the best of luck and wish the Melbourne Knights a very happy 60th anniversary.

Women's

The Gospic Bears FC Melbourne Women's team were first established in 2006, celebrating the club's 10 Year Anniversary in 2013. Our women are a big part of the club. Always offering support to the boys team, around the clubrooms and always fierce on the pitch. New women's coach Ivica Petrlic has welcomed some new faces this year to strengthen the squad. Our women have reached the Semi's twice in past tournaments and hope the local tournament could take them one step closer. We wish all clubs participating this year the best of luck and wish the Melbourne Knights a very happy 60th anniversary.

Back Row - Yazgi Ayse Kiroglu, Vanda Pacheco, Marina Filipović, Sheree Lucas, Theresa Mulipola, Antonia Butorac, Ivica Petrlić
Front Row - Sibel Unalan, Milena Nicolopoulos, Nuggi Bolat, Danni Fujto, Canan Ipek, Corinna Jayasekera, Vanda (Tetka) Da Silva
Absent: Mirjana Butorac, Anita Khodher, Kate Ćuk, Mimi Saeed, Kahra Elmo

NK BUNKER

Year Formed 2011 **Names** Bunker, NK Bunker
Home Ground Richmond
Major Trophies Vic Soccer 2012 Promotion
Tournament Record Attended every tournament since formation, Semi-Finalist Division 2, 2012
Divisions Entered Men's Division 2

Back row - Adam Čevizović, Ivan Mijac, Anthony Vranić, Marko Ševanja, Denis Božić, John Krešo Serrano, Bassi Dujmić, Rudi Grgić
Front row: Chris Nadj, Damir Tikvić, Coalan Maria, Ivan Grahovac, Patrick Bell, Stjepan Dujmić

NK Bunker has continued to be a successful team in 2013 having been promoted to the Vicsoccer Premier League.

The Bunker Boys had a good run at the 2012 Gold coast tournament but the after parties got the better of the boys..

The young team hopes to have a successful year in 2013 by being a powerhouse in the Vicsoccer Premier League and hope to have a crazy time both on and off the park at this years Cro tourney.

Special congrats goes out to Melbourne Croatia who celebrate their 60 years!

NK Bunker Firsts and Reserves

HNK MOSTAR

Year Formed 1980 **Names** Mostar, Mostar Melbourne, HNK Mostar,
Home Ground Churchill Reserve
Major Trophies VicSoccer 2013 Runners Up Division 1
Tournament Record Croatian Tournament Men's Division 2 Champions 2012
Divisions Entered Men's Division 2

HNK Mostar 2013

HNK Mostar Melbourne was established in 1980 by a couple of soccer enthusiast friends.

It is the oldest amateur Croatian clubs in Victoria.

The current Mostar squad consists of more than just team mates, they are best mates, family which makes the team that much closer and full of passion for victory.

HNK Mostar has had a successful 2013 taking out the second place in Vic Soccer Division 1 - Afternoon League, meaning the team will be promoted to the Premier League in 2014 where we will be able to rekindle our great rivalry with St. Albans Vukovar.

HNK Mostar are also reigning Croatian Soccer Tournament Men's Division 2 Champions from last year's tournament which was hosted by Gold Coast Knights.

We are determined to hold on to the Cup for a consecutive year. WE ARE THAT FAMOUS HNK!

HNK Mostar at the Croatian Sports Centre Melbourne c. 1990

MELBOURNE TORNADO

Year Formed 2000
Names Zadar Melbourne, Melbourne Tornado **Home Ground** Newmarket Reserve
Major Trophies Vic Provisional League 3 N/W Champions 2005, Provisional 2 N/W Runner Up 2007
Tournament Record Men's Division 2 Champions 2008
Divisions Entered Men's Division 2, Master's Division

Back Row - Nikolas Bučić, Mark Paleka, Josip Surić, Robert Blaževič, Puno Bonghuijzen, Chandan Bains, Tam McCulloch (Coach)
Front Row- Mate Beram, Jure Radošević, Mat Maltarić, Baze Boškovski, Daniel Tonč

The Melbourne Tornado Soccer Club, aka HNK Zadar Melbourne Tornado, is an Australian football (soccer) club from Melbourne, Victoria. It is a Croatian backed club founded by members of the Croatian community of Melbourne, many of whom hail from the Croatian city of Zadar, and other historical cities and regions of Croatia.

The club was born out of the ashes of HNK Tottenham Zagreb, a Croatian backed soccer club that was disbanded in the late 1990s.

From Kasun to McCulloch we've followed our team,
Newmarket to Geelong we've all lived the dream,
Our journey is long, but our goal stays the same,
To keep for our children, the famous Zadar name.
Wherever we are, wherever we stay,
Be sure the Zadrani will seize the day.
For this is our destiny, our passion and pride,
Melbourne Tornado Soccer Club, The world's greatest side.

Melbourne Tornado at the Croatian Club, Ballarat - 2013

MELBOURNE CROATIA

Year Formed 1953
Names Croatia SC, Essendon Croatia, Melbourne Croatia, Melbourne CSC **Home Ground** Knights Stadium
Major Trophies Australian NSL Champions 1994/95, 1995/96 NSL Minor Premiers 1990/91, 1991/92, 1993/94, 1994/95 Victorian State League Champions 1968, 1978, 1979
Tournament Record Champions 1993, 2010, 2011, 2012
Hosts 1974, 1976, 1986, 1993, 2005, 2013
Divisions Entered Division 1, Division 2, Women's Division, Master's Division

Back row - Frank Jurić (Assistant Coach), Craig Sweeney, James McGarry, Andrew Barišić, Jacob Colosimo, Chris Talajić, Milan Batur, Ryan Filipović, Tomislav Uskok, Ivan Grgić, Andrew Marth (Coach), Mirko Rastočić - Rus (Gear Steward)
Front row: Michael Simms, Marijan Cvitković, Adam Žilić, Matthew Hrastov, Josh Berrios, Sam Torrens, William McLachlan, Anthony Colosimo, Ben Surey, Anthony Burin (Team Manager)

Melbourne Knights FC is a soccer club representing Melbourne, Australia in the Victorian Premier League (VPL).

The club is one of the most successful soccer clubs in Australia, being a two-time championship and four-time premiership winner in the now defunct National Soccer League (NSL).

The club is based in the western suburbs of Melbourne and draws much of its support from the Croatian Australian community. The club's identification with its Croatian roots remains strong to this day.

It is a regular participant in the Australian-Croatian Soccer Tournament, and its accomplishments can be likened to that of Canada's Toronto Croatia.

As well as fielding a senior men's side, the Knights field a women's team as well as junior teams of all year levels.

The club has and continues to play an important social role for the Croatian community. Post World War II migration to Australia changed the demographic make up of the country, Croatians along with other continental European migrants entered a society that was at the time quite hostile to these new arrivals. In the wake of the this migration many football clubs

Men's Division 2
Back Row - Željko Gagula (Coach), Ante Kožul, Daniel, Daniel Dragović, Tomislav Fadljević, Nikola Srbinovski, Adrian Rastočić, Mirko Rastočić - Rus (Gear Steward)
Front Row - Neznam, Nicholas Jurčić, Paolo Monaco, Leo, Luke Jurčić

Melbourne Croatia Masters 2013
Back row - Frank Jurić, Andrew Marth, Zoran Markovski, Steve Gojević
Front row: Danny Tiatto, Fausto De Amicis, Damian Grganović, Damian Vojtek, Mark Šilić

were formed by these new arrivals based around their respective ethnic communities.

The Melbourne Knights became a focal point for the Croatian community in the state of Victoria, as it was just as much a social club as a football club.

It provided Croatians with a place to gather where they could feel comfortable and safe in their new home, a place where they could mingle with their own people and speak their mother tongue.

The club allowed for the preservation and celebration of Croatian identity, tradition, culture and language, as well as promoting it to non Croatians.

Through the club Croats could hold their head up high with pride. The club continues to be an important institution for the Croatian community, helping keep it alive, as Croatian culture and tradition is passed onto the next generation. The Melbourne Knights still remains the largest meeting place for Victoria's Croatian community.

Over the years the Melbourne Knights played an important political role, with the club being a symbol of Croatian nationalism. Through the club the community was able to promote and bring awareness to the Croatian plight and independence movement. This role continued into the 90s, after Croatian independence in 1991, with the outbreak of war in Croatia and Bosnia.

Melbourne Knights served as a symbol of pride for the community in this dark period, galvanizing the community's support for the club.

Through the club the community was able to show its solidarity with the homeland.

In 2013, the club that has come to be known as the Melbourne Knights, our Melbourne Croatia has celebrated its 60th Anniversary, firstly with a Gala Dinner at the Croatian House earlier in the year, and now with all of our friends from Australia-wide. Živjela Croatia!

Women's Division
Back Row - John Pejić (Assistant Coach), Katarina Vrkić, Petra Najdovska, Lucy Balta, Tanya Kladarić, Natalie Vuković, Annie Cassar, Marina Kasalo, Stephanie Žilić, Višnja Šikić (Team Manager), Tony Kolčeg (Coach)
Front Row - Catherine Šikić, Tonya Kolčeg, Joelene Miller, Anja Djordjevich, Caren Aguirra , Arielle Cassar, Katia Tavolaro, Michaela Komšo

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NORTH GEELONG WARRIORS

Year Formed 1967
Names Croatia Geelong, North Geelong Croatia **Home Ground** Croatian Sports Centre Geelong
Major Trophies Victorian State League Champions 1992, Victorian State League 1 Champions 1991, Victorian State League 2 Champions 1989, 2005, 2009
Tournament Record Hosts 1983, 1992, 1998, 2008
Divisions Entered Men's Division 1, Women's Division

Back Row - Djibril Diallo, Matt Townley, Ross Walliss, Nikola Jurković, Vinney, Michael Boyar, Hamish Flavell, Daniel Žilić, Daniel Ortiz, Tomo Trbuhović, Kristian Edwards, Oskar Lundin
Bottom Row - Josip Jurjević, Michael Anderson, Daniel Roksa, Jackson Davis, Nick Anderson, Darren lewis, Deam Taravillo, Aaron D'Antino, Vito Cichello, Reardo Luka

The North Geelong Warriors Mens team, are a youthful group that possess positive drive and enthusiasm. Currently, they are playing in Division One of the men's State League in Victoria (second highest league in Victoria), and play in the highest league out of any other team in Geelong. The future of the club is looking very positive with a large number of local players playing with the Under 18s and Under 21s. We have experience coaches who are preparing the boys to play with the seniors.

A smooth blend of hard working, party going & soccer playing individuals are what makes The North Geelong Warrior Girls Team. We are a tight knit unit on & off the park & are committed in representing our beloved club year in year out. 2013 is a memorable one, for the first time in 12 years, we have won the Victorian State League 2 Championship and are looking forward to playing in the finals for a second time.

We can't wait to represent the Red, White & Blue in Melbourne as The North Geelong Warrior Girls.

We are ready to come out to play & party!

Back Row - Ivan "Sticks" Deak (Team Manager) Bož Luburić, Nat Knežević, Steph Anderson, Amelia Špiranović, Adrianna Demo, Nicole Milinković, Katie Neville, Jadranka Erceg, Jess Milinković (C), Nato Perin, Nicole Hajnal, Coach: Alan Paleka
Bottom Row - Helena Madunić, Megan Blyszak, Antonia Erceg, Dani Delač, Renee Zebić, Fi Paunga, Carla Versace, Sumeyra Eren, Annie Crawford

ST. ALBANS SAINTS

Year Formed 1975
Names Dinamo, St. Albans Dinamo, St. Albans Građanski **Home Ground** Churchill Reserve
Major Trophies Victorian State League Minor Premiers 1998, State League Division 1 Champions 2009, 2010
Tournament Record All-time record (non-NSL club) Tournament Championships, 7
Divisions Entered Men's Division 1, Men's Division 2, Women's Division

St. Albans Saints 2013

St Albans Saints Soccer Club is an Australian soccer club from St Albans, Victoria established by local Croatian Australians. The club is a regular participant in the Australian-Croatian Soccer Tournament.

The club is well known for having produced many great players over the years, including many that have gone on to play for its sister club the Melbourne Knights. The club currently competes in the Victorian State League 1, the second highest league in the state of Victoria.

St Albans Saints Dinamo in season 2013 is continuing with their plan of developing a young squad, also giving opportunities to players who have come through their junior and youth ranks that can hopefully in time become a solid and competitive team.

It was always a long term vision and one that has many bumps and hurdles before we can taste a more consistent level of success.

So far in the season Dinamo has used over 30 different players in the first team squad, thus confirming their desire to give young players opportunities and creating a pathway from their junior ranks into their senior squad.

Being a part of the Croatian Soccer Tournament is always an honour for the club and one they always look forward to, we try to be as competitive as possible, as last years tournament showed by narrowly losing in the semi final to the winners Melbourne Knights.

We are hoping to go at least one better at this years tournament, see you all in Melbourne.

St. Albans Saints take the lead against Fitzroy Srbija, VPL 2001

ST. ALBANS VUKOVAR

Year Formed 1991-92
Names Vukovar **Home Ground** Churchill Reserve
Major Trophies VIC Soccer AM Premier League Champions 12 times
Tournament Record Men's Division 2 Runner Up
Divisions Entered Men's Division 2

St. Albans Vukovar 2013
Back row - Nick Konjević, Ante Rozanić, Maks Čuže, Martin Raspudić, Ilija Radoš (Player/Coach), Ante Krajinović, Steven Balta, Ante Radoš, Adam Perić
Front row: Damien Njegač, Matthew Šakić, Robert Pelaić, Anthony Šakić, Nicholas Vunderl, Michael Bolješić, Justin Jutriša, Ivan Milardović
Absent: Slavko Radoš, Peter Pavlinušić, Domagoj Modrić, Željko Kuzman, Ljubo Lapansky, Peter Konjević, Ante Jukić, Tomislav Matković

The club was formed in 1975 under the name of St. Albans Dinamo. Playing in the Victorian Industrial league until 1981 when the club took over St. Albans S.C. which was playing in the Metropolitan league.

During this time the club still held the Industrial League team under the name of St. Albans Dinamo until 1992 when the name change to St. Albans Vukovar took place.

Since then Vukovar has been playing in Vicsoccer's Morning Premier League. In that time we have won the League title 12 times, league cup 2 times and regions cup 2 times.

We are a group of guys who get together for a few drinks and love supporting our team St. Albans Dinamo.

We wish all the clubs and Miss Croatia entrants luck in 2013.

Bring on the tournament!

St. Albans Vukovar,
2011 Sydney Tournament

FC STRATHMORE

Year Formed 1976
Names Auto Repairs Split, HNK Split, Glenroy Split **Home Ground** Strathnaver Reserve
Major Trophies Victorian Provisional League 1 N-W Champions 2003
Divisions Entered Men's Division 2, Women's Division, Master's Division

FC Strathmore 2013

Established in 1976, HNK Strathmore Split this year featured 3 senior teams competing in various FFV Leagues and for the first time implemented a formal junior program featuring 3 teams plus an academy who all play and train from their home ground in Melbourne's Inner North-West; Strathnaver Reserve Strathmore.

At the 2013 tournament the club will as always field a senior men's team, an over 35's team and its inaugural female team. Off the field the club has worked tirelessly to secure its long term future and this hard work has finally paid off with a $1.7 million grant to upgrade its pavilion being approved with final works due for completion before the start of the 2014 season.

This builds on over 35 years of tradition that we hope to continue for generations to come, and with your support at club level it is an exciting time to come on board.

From all at HNK Split we wish the Melbourne Knights all the best for their 60th anniversary and hope all our sister clubs enjoy their time on and off the field.

FC Strathmore Women's Team 2013
Back Row - James Vojtek, Anna Čavar, Amalia Stefančić, Natalie Čulinas, Nicole Chiera, Kristen Cindrić, Daniela Raspudić.
Front Row - Oanh Hoang, Asheleigh Vogler, Stephanie Čavar, Rakel Geremian, Amanda Farrugia

WEDNESDAY KNIGHTS

Year Formed 2001
Names Wednesday Knights **Home Ground** Strathnaver Reserve
Tournament Record Victorian Provisional League 1 N-W Champions 2003
Divisions Entered Men's Division 2, Women's Division, Master's Division

Wednesday Knights 2013
Back Row - Marjan Šprajc, Ante Višević, Rob Jovica, Marin Radobuljac, Ante Pranjić, Josip Žilić, Nick Delija, Filip Jurić, Ante Lijović, Karl Rajić.
Front Row: Mile Krajina (Team Manager), Tomislav Lovrić, Mirko Čugura, Joe Lovrić, Paul Jurčić, Peter Trupković, George Dragović, Don McGowan

The Wednesday Knights actually began on a Wednesday night at Charlesworth Park in Ivanhoe Victoria during the summer of 1998. A designated person would bring the "drinks" and everyone else would turn up for a kick.

The Wednesday Knights, was officially formed in 2001 by a group of friends on the outer stand at the Quarry End of Somers Street, supporting the beloved Melbourne Knights.

These friends were after a little fitness once a week, followed by half a dozen cold ones at the conclusion of every session. The dream came true and is still supported by 25 fully-fledged members/players. The team members are from a variety of soccer clubs, playing with teams such as the Melbourne Knights, Chelsea Hajduk, St.Albans Dinamo, Glenroy Split, Sunshine George Cross, to name but a few.

This is the 11th consecutive year the Wednesday Knights have participated in the annual Croatian Soccer Tournament and we look forward to playing part in this year's Masters Competition.

Wednesday Knights
Auckland 2010

Hrvatski Dom
Croatian House Gwelup

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Residents of Croatian Ancestry 14,922
Major Clubs WA Croatian Community Centre, Croatian House Gwelup
Soccer Clubs Fremantle Croatia, Gwelup Croatia, Western Knights
Churches Croatian Catholic Centre (HKC) Fremantle
Tournament Records
Champions Western Knights 1
Hosted in Western Australia 1979, 2007

Croats at the Year of Refugees concert 1960, Fremantle

The Croatian Community of Western Australia has a long and proud history in the western-most Australian state, having made significant contributions to the capital city, Perth.

The overwhelming majority of the Croatian community of Western Australia is centred in Perth which constitutes the third largest city with a Croatian population after Sydney and Melbourne.

The Croatian community of the northern town of Canarvon is also notable for being the preeminent growers of bananas in Western Australia.

The City of Cockburn where many Croatian descendants live has a sister city relationship with the city of Split. Upon entrance to the city, there is a prominent sign which welcomes visitors with the simple words of 'Dobro Došli' (Welcome).

Croatian pioneers cultivated the growth of Cockburn and the cities share a rich market gardening history.

The 'Friendship Way', dedicated to Cockburn's sister city relationships has a section dedicated to Split, Croatia and its people.

Notably, the City of Fremantle has a sister city relationship with the town of Korčula, the main city of the island of Korčula where many Fremantle Croatians came from.

The Croatian community of Western Australia has contributed immensely to daily political life in the state with various representatives in State and Local Parliament.

Interestingly, Perth has a large community of descendants of northern Croats from Međimurje speaking a kajkavian dialect, which is the second largest grouping of Croats from Međimurje in the world.

FREMANTLE CROATIA

Year Formed N/A
Names Fremantle Croatia **Home Ground** Bruce Lee Oval
Tournament Record Runner Up 2007, Third Place 2003
Divisions Entered Men's Division 2

Fremantle Croatia 2013

Fremantle Croatia Soccer Club is an Australian football (soccer) club from the city of Fremantle, Western Australia. It is a Croatian backed club.

The club is a regular participant at the Australian-Croatian Soccer Tournament. Fremantle Croatia claimed second position in the Australian-Croatian soccer tournament in 2007 held in Perth losing out to Sydney's FC Ljubuski in the final 1-0. This runners up placing has been the clubs highest achievement to date having eclipsed a third place finish in Sydney in 2003. In the club's first stint in the newly formed Men's Division 1, in their group of 5 clubs, Fremantle Croatia narrowly missed out on a semi-final appearance.

The club has a tight-knit, loyal and ever growing fan base often known as the "Purple Dragons" although the name has no significance with regards to the club colours or name. The club's theme song is "Croacija iz Fremantlea" (which literally translates to: "Croatia from Fremantle") and is sung to the tune of popular up-beat Croatian song "Dalmacijo".

Fremantle Croatia has been a staple in the Sunday Amateur Leagues for many years and have recently made their way up to the Sunday Premier League where they have been for the last few years. Built on a strong foundation the club has made itself into a sustainable entity and is pushing for success on the park with new faces and a young squad.

GWELUP CROATIA

Year Formed 1988
Names Croatia Gwelup **Home Ground** Croatian Sporting Complex Gwelup
Major Trophies Amateur Social Cup Champions 1998, 4th Amateur Division Champions 2001
Divisions Entered Men's Division 2

Gwelup Croatia 2013

Gwelup Croatia arrives in Melbourne with a unique record of never being relegated from Western Australia's amateur leagues.

Founded by a group of Croatian descendants in 1988, the club plays it football at the Croatian Sporting Complex, located directly behind Gwelup's Hrvatski Dom.

Over 80 registered players donned the club's colours this season across four men's' teams and an inaugural junior (under 11) side.

The senior side currently plays in the Amateur Premier League, the fourth tier of football in WA and is looking forward to establishing itself as a force over the next few seasons.

Gwelup is aiming to go one better than last season's semi-final appearance in the Gold Coast and with a little more luck and a lot less alcohol, may even bring a trophy back to Perth this time around.

We are the team!

Amateur Social Cup Winners 1998

WESTERN KNIGHTS

Year Formed 1968
Names Metropolitan, Croatia, North Perth Croatia **Home Ground** Nash Field
Major Trophies Western Australian Premier League Champions - 1998, 2004
Tournament Record Champions 1980, Hosted in 1979, 2007
Divisions Entered Men's Division 1, Women's Division

Western Knights 2013

Western Knights Soccer Club was established by Croatian immigrants in the state of Western Australia under the name of Metropolitan in 1968. Two years later in 1970 the club changed its name to North Perth Croatia. Western Knights are the highest ranked and most successful Croatian soccer club in Western Australia.

For the first time in the history of Western Knights Soccer Club, our women's team was formed last year. The team was so successful in its first year in the West Australian Metropolitan Women's Soccer League that their season ended with them winning that year's competition and being promoted from Sixth Division to Fifth Division. We also enjoyed some success where we advanced to the quarter finals during the Auscro tournament last year.

Whilst most of our team remained from last year, we now have some young players coming through the ranks of our junior teams, along with some experienced new players. We are very fortunate once again to have an experienced Coach, Vladimir (Vlad) Beretovac, along with our Manager (Kylie) who assists Vlad with training and managing the team.

It is with this team that we are confident that we will have another successful year in the Auscro competition. We are eager to participate and show our club proud as we look forward to a competitive and enjoyable tournament this year.

Western Knights Women 2013

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